FIRST MEETING
ST. AIDAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY MAY 11
7:00 PM

Saint Aidan

Catholic Church & School

Synod 2021 2023

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May 01, 2022

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WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN
Our parish is a vibrant and active Catholic community located in Nassau County, Long Island, New York. We are a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre serving the communities of Williston Park, East Williston, Albertson, and parts of Mineola, Roslyn Heights, and Searingtown.

RECTORY OFFICE 516-746-6585
HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT
We, the parish family of the Church of St Aidan, strengthened by the Eucharist and encouraged by the Word of God, welcome all, for we encourage that everyone is a child of God and no one should be excluded. Guided by the Holy Spirit through prayer, we strive as one to build the Body of Christ. We commit ourselves to nurturing lifelong faith formation, fostering lay leadership, promoting social justice, engaging our youth in every aspect of parish life, and offering care and compassionate service to all. We invite everyone to walk with Jesus and experience His healing power and love.

THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN IS OPEN
Daily 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org, Facebook and Vimeo. The faithful are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, or those with serious underlying health conditions. Masks are no longer required and are optional when participating in any activities on parish grounds.

PARKING AT ST. AIDAN
As you are aware the number of parking spaces is limited at St. Aidan. The parking lot at the rear of the Upper School and the one on Dover Street are available on weekends and when school is closed. The Lower School has an area that is designated a children's play area. For safety reasons please do not park there. People with disabilities may park in the three reserved parking spaces in front of the rectory on Willis Ave. This special area is needed for church access by people who use wheelchairs and specially-equipped vehicles. Thank you for being parking considerate.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
Holy Communion unites us more closely to Jesus, and it is also a sign that we are living in communion with His Church, following the teachings that Jesus has handed down to us. One should only receive Holy Communion if he believes what the Catholic Church teaches, and is living as a member of the Church, following the way of life that she sets out for her children. If one is conscious of serious sin, he should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before approaching Holy Communion.

CONFESSION
Confessions are available in the church, screen only, on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. You can also make a confession appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

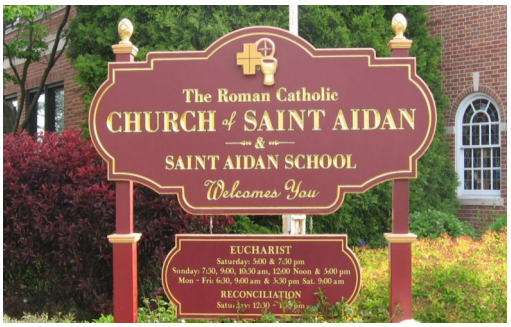
BAPTISM
To arrange a baptism contact the rectory at 516-746-6585. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child's date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. To hold a private baptism you must make arrangements with a priest or deacon to perform the baptism. Private baptisms are held on Saturday or Sunday when the church is available. First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the church on the second Sunday of the month after the 12 Noon Mass. Parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the main altar.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged.

ANOINTING
The anointing takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine.

ADORATION
First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church.

PARISH EMAIL
To be added to email distributions of the Parish Bulletin please email Bonnie Parente at bparente@verizon.net.



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JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN AT STAIDANPARISH.ORG AND ON FACEBOOK

MONDAY, MAY 2		**ST. ATHANASIUS**
Fr. Solomon	6:30 AM	Josephine Jansen (Birthday Rem.)
Fr. Alfredo	9:00 AM	Josephine Jansen (Birthday Rem.)
Fr. Ken	5:30 PM	Andrew Zaid (Birthday Rem.)
TUESDAY, MAY 3		**STS. PHILIP AND JAMES**
Fr. Ken	6:30 AM	Joseph Fernandes
Fr. Alfredo	9:00 AM	Vito Antonio Spinelli (20th Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Solomon	5:30 PM	Yolanda Guglielmi (Birthday Rem.)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4		**EASTER WEEK THREE**
Fr. Solomon	6:30 AM	Tonino Tesone
Fr. Alfredo	9:00 AM	Ralph DiBello (3rd Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Ken	5:30 PM	Mary Hogan (Birthday Rem.)
THURSDAY, MAY 5		**EASTER WEEK THREE**
Fr. Ken	6:30 AM	Jeremiah Barnes
Fr. Alfredo	9:00 AM	Donald Huenger (Birthday Rem.)
		Armand Villa
Fr. Adrian	5:30 PM	Maryann Cilia (Birthday Rem.)
		Elizabeth Chavez (1st Anniversary Rem.)
FRIDAY, MAY 6		**EASTER WEEK THREE**
Fr. Adrian	6:30 AM	Willie Mae Barnes
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Terence J. Sullivan
		School Mass
Fr. Solomon	5:30 PM	Ruth Oxias
Fr. Alfredo	8:00	HEALING MASS
SATURDAY, MAY 7		**EASTER WEEK THREE**
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	Sally Piltz (Birthday Rem.)
Fr. Ken	5:00 PM	Odierna & Lanigan Family
		William Gerstner (1st Anniversary Rem.)
		Elizabeth Chavez (1st Anniversary Rem.)
		Sue Fleming (2nd Anniversary Rem.)
		Tony Martins
		Joseph Watts
Fr. Adrian	7:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
SUNDAY, MAY 8		**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Fr. Adrian	7:30 AM	Barbara Daley
Fr. Ken	9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
Fr. Solomon	10:30 AM	Mary C. Maye (Birthday Rem.)
Fr. Fr. Alfredo	12:00 PM	Gregg & John Fiore
		Louise Q. Vachris (Birthday Rem.)
		Judy Cuzzi
		Gino Guglielmi (Birthday Rem.)
		Bob Hesse (2nd Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Solomon	5:00 PM	Adriene Robinson

JESUS SAID TO PETER THE THIRD TIME, "SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME?"

PETER WAS DISTRESSED THAT JESUS HAD SAID TO HIM A THIRD TIME, "DO YOU LOVE ME?" AND HE SAID TO HIM, "LORD, YOU KNOW EVERYTHING; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU."

JESUS SAID TO HIM, "FEED MY SHEEP.

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What's Pastor Thinking

Peter had been one of the first disciples. He was the leader among the twelve. Jesus had called him 'the Rock.' But Peter was also the one who would deny Jesus. Then on Easter Sunday, Peter comes to believe in the resurrection, but later he returns to what had been familiar: fishing. It's back to 'life as usual.' We're all a little like that. After any life-changing event, we go back to our normal routines.

Unfortunately for many people, being Catholic has very little impact upon their lives. There isn't much difference between how we live and how our neighbor lives. We try to be good. We try to be honest. We try to go to Mass. But people cannot tell the difference between people who go to church and those who don't. We all experience the same likelihood of traffic violations as well as disease and tragedy. And that is the ultimate tragedy of the Catholic faith today—we have become like Peter who goes fishing. We easily forget what God has done for us, what God has called us to be, and what God has called us to do. For Peter that encounter with the Risen Christ where he was fishing, changed everything. He now sees the truth when Jesus calls him to 'feed his sheep.' He is no longer a fisherman; he is a shepherd. He has a new task in life, a new purpose in life, a new reason for living. He must leave the past behind and follow Christ.

And so must we! Christ has called each of us to be a disciple. Some are called to preach, some to teach, and some to provide music. Some are called to raise children; some are called to build buildings. Some are even to fish so we can eat! I don't know what God has called you to do or to be, but I do know that God has called each of us. You can ignore it and go fishing because that's what you know - or - you can respond to the call to "tend sheep" in whatever way God has called you to tend them. Pope Francis, St. Peter's successor, recently called the church to respond to an invitation to 'SYNODALITY.' Usually when we think of a synod, we think of group of bishops and theologians coming together for a meeting, creating a document, passing it on to the Pope. Pope Francis is looking to create a process that reaches out to the entire church…not just the bishops or clergy, but all the baptized. A process that listens to the hopes and challenges that exist, encountering people where they are at in hopes of discerning where the Spirit is calling the Church to be in each particular time and place. Instead of a closed room, think of 'synodality' as an open town square where people come from all walks of life, encounter one another, talk, listen and become involved in topics of real import to the Church's future. In essence, 'SYNODALITY' looks to engage the faithful at all levels; laity, religious, bishops and even the Pope to dream about the church we are called to be. This sounds great.

So what does 'SYNODALITY' look like in practice at St. Aidan? Well we first formed a team of parishioners who were willing to facilitate the process. Then we set a date for our FIRST MEETING in the church for Wednesday May 11th at 7:00 PM. This will be informative, prayerful reflection on the gospel of Luke 24:13-35, the road to Emmaus. At that meeting you will be invited to sign up for two further meetings to be held on May 25 and June 8 in Kirwin Hall, at 7:00 PM. Who knows where 'SYNODALITY' will take us at St. Aidan. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. Let's be open to it. For Peter and the disciples…it made all the difference.

Prayer for the Synod

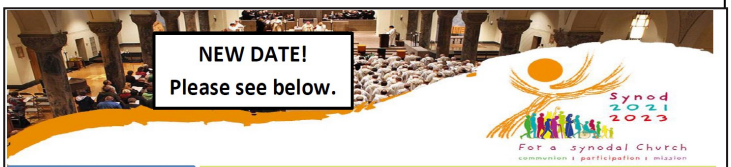
We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

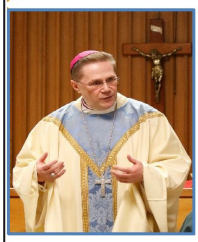
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.





Join Bishop Andrzej for Liturgical Catechesis

SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Journeying Together
Communion + Participation + Mission

This lecture will be presented via ZOOM
All are Invited to Participate.

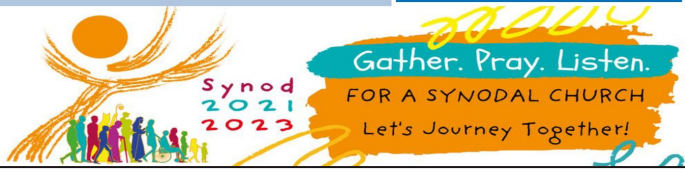
NEW DATE!

~~**Monday, April 25**~~
Wednesday, April 13
Participation
Wednesday, May 18
Evangelization
All at 7:30 pm

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org. If you previously registered for prior ZOOM calls, there is NO need to register again – you will automatically receive the ZOOM link via email.

"The Synod calls the People of God, in all their diversity, to embark on a journey together toward a common mission to witness to the love of God at work in the world."

Synod Preparatory Document



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

ROBERT MARKUS
JANE GROSS
ELIZABETH MCMAHON
WILLIAM R. HAZELTON

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Baby Adam Turvankar
Brian Madden,
Christopher Morris
John Dillion
Mary Kennedy
Cole Faller
Mary Lou Grady
MaryLou Lavelle
Christopher Morgan
Peter Lahey

To add a name to this prayer list, please call the rectory 516-746-6585

WEDDING BELLS

MAY 21 @ 3:30 PM
BRYAN O'MALLEY &
KIMBERLY O'MALLEY

MAY 28 @ 3:00 PM
CAITLIN WENZEL &
MICHAEL CRACCHIOLA

BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH CHAVEZ
Requested by
JOSE & CONSUELO GOMES

MASS ATTENDANCE

04-09-10/22	2107
04-16-17-22	2,642
04/23/24/22	1,408

STEWARDSHIP

04/25/21	$21,543
04/24/22	$24,175

EASTER COLLCETION 2022 TO DATE

$75,227
Many thanks to all who support the parish

EXTRA COLLECTION

Catholic Elementary Schools
Mother's Day Mass Rem.

ONLINE GIVING

Go to staidanparish.org.
Click DONATE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Pledges $66,036.65
Donors 226
Payments $50,833.65

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LASTING LEGACY?

Your estate plan can include a Catholic Legacy Will that consists of inspirational testimony which expresses to your family your deep and lasting love for Christ. For ideas on how you can leave your lasting legacy contact Barbara Kilarjian, 516-678-5800 ext. 257, email bkilarjian@drvc.org

MR. FRANK DEO RETIRES

After 30 years working at St. Aidan, Mr. Frank Deo has decided to retire. It's increasingly rare to work in a single place for so long. Parishioners, clergy and coworkers wish Frank a long retirement. We thank him for his successful efforts in maintaining St. Aidan's buildings and grounds for so many years, for all the snow removal, hedge trimming and carpentry. We all benefitted from Frank's service and knowledge. Thank you Frank for your many years of hard work. No more early alarm calls! Here's wishing you many more happy healthy years of retirement! You will always be a part of the St. Aidan family. Congratulations, Frank!

WELCOME FR. ALFREDO G. GUERRERO

Fr. Alfredo "Bong" Guerrero is a Catholic Priest from the Diocese of Cubao, who will say Mass at St. Aidan while he stays with Deacon Rudy. He is the author of the books: Happy, Happy Me (2014), Happy, Happy Pa More (2015), Tragedy and Serendipity (Burdened But Happy, 2016), Burdened But Happy 2 (Tragedy And Serendipity, 2017), Teach Me Why (A Journey To Happiness, 2018), Forever Happy (2019), and A HAPPY ENDING (Virus VS Virtues) 2022, his latest book. He calls his books, THE HAPPY BOOKS, for he believes that life is all about being happy and that happiness is a choice! He finished his primary education at Holy Trinity Academy, Balic-Balic, Manila. He finished his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. He finished his Theological studies at the University of Santo Tomas Central Seminary and his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership at De La Salle University, Taft Manila. He was ordained on April 11, 1986, at the Our Lady of Loreto Parish in Bustillos, Manila, by His Eminence, the late Jaime Cardinal L. Sin, D.D. We warmly welcome you to St. Aidan.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend children from our parish will receive their First Holy Communion. We give thanks for all the teachers, relatives, and friends of these children who have helped prepare them, and who will assist them in their future growth in faith through their prayers and actions. We especially thank the parents who are the primary educators of the children in the ways of the faith. Please extend a warm welcome to any young communicant you see in a white dress or shirt and tie when they return for Mass this weekend. *Lord, bless these children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.*

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1	9:00 AM Rosary Society
	9:00 AM Confirmation Candidates Retreat
	Communion Breakfast
	Collection for Mother's Day
	Catholic Elementary Schools Collection
	Respect Life Speaker at Masses
May 2	Msgr. McDonald Memorial Golf Outing
May 6	9:00 AM School Mass
	8:00 PM Healing Mass with Fr. Alfredo Guerrero
May 7	First Communion
	Camps 'R Us Open House Kirwin Hall
May 8	Mother's Day
	Baby Bottle Campaign Begins
May 11	7:00 Synod Open Meeting in church
May 14	First Communion
May 15	9:00 Confirmation Retreat attend Mass
	10:30 Altar Server Installation & Graduation
	Collection for Facilities Maintenance
May 18	Rosary for Religious Freedom
May 20	BLD Worship & Praise
	Camps 'R Us Carnival Night
May 21	First Holy Communion
May 22	Baby items collection for Brennan's Inn
	10:30 May Crowning
	1:00 Anointing of the Sick

WAR IN UKRAINE – MANY WAYS TO HELP

Various Catholic agencies are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, as people flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. Here are some places to donate. This list is not exhaustive.

- The international Caritas confederation is collecting funds to help Caritas Ukraine. In the United States, that is through Catholic Relief Services. Internationally, you can donate through Caritas Internationalis.
- The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia also has a link to donate.
- Two pontifical agencies also are taking donations for Ukraine: Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Aid to the Church in Need. Internationally, Aid to the Church can be reached here.
- The Knights of Columbus launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for humanitarian needs in Ukraine and through refugee sites in Poland.
- Donations can also be made to Jesuit Refugee Service to support the agency's work with those forced to flee conflict in Europe.
- The U.S. Bishops' Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe designated its annual collection, taken in most diocesan parishes on Ash Wednesday, to support Ukraine and the surrounding region as a result of Russia's invasion. It offers two ways to give: electronically, through iGiveCatholicTogether, or by mail with an address here.
- The Salesians also are accepting donations to help refugees.
- The International Catholic Migration Commission has set up an emergency appeal for Ukraine.
- AVSI-USA also is collecting for partners helping with Ukrainian refugees.

SCAM LIKELY

If you receive an email or text from Fr. Adrian or any other member of St. Aidan staff requesting gift cards or donations, delete it immediately and block the caller's number or email. It is not from St. Aidan Church or School.

RCIA

Are you searching for a faith to follow? Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches? Were you baptized as an infant but not raised in the faith or raised in another Christian faith? Whatever your situation, wherever you are in your faith journey, RCIA is here for YOU. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a process by which adults can inquire about the Catholic Church. There is never any pressure put on any inquirer to become a Catholic. If an inquirer or seeker decides to move closer toward becoming a Catholic, he/she receives instruction in a small setting guided by a team of dedicated parishioners. The inquirer decides if he/she wants to move forward one step at a time. The whole parish family supports this process through prayer and witness. Those who choose to become Catholic are

welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you would like to learn more, please call 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BABY BOTTLE!

On May 7th and 8th, Mother's Day, Saint Aidan Parish will launch a BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN to benefit THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND. The Life Center is a pregnancy help center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. You can put coins and notes in the Baby Bottle and return to the church on June 18th 19th, Father's Day. Did you know that the life center provides:

- free pregnancy test kits
- free sonogram referrals
- maternity housing with eligibility
- requirements referrals
- medical care referrals
- Material aid including car seats, cribs, cloths, diapers …..and many other needed baby items
- Male advocates available to speak with fathers

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation on Mother's Day. (Make checks out to the Life Center of L.I.) and return the bottles on Father's Day Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle. The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place. Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our preborn children.

ST. AIDAN'S RESPECT LIFE GROUP.

In cooperation with 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, St. Aidan's Respect Life Group prayed outside Planned Parenthood in Hempstead. Please join us in our mission to bring about the end of abortion and respect for all lives. Help us by continuing to pray for the unborn. Come join the St. Aidan's Respect Life group and meet other prolife parishioners as we discuss how prayer and action can help bring about the end of abortion in our country. Next meeting is May 19th at 7:00 PM in the Convent. The group operates under the Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics. This office enunciates and promotes the principle that human life, at all stages from conception to natural death, is a gift from God, worthy of respect and protection. This ministry encompasses prayer, education, advocacy, and care & services. More information about the office can be found at the Diocesan web site at www.drvclife.org. The group is meeting with the purpose of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, educational opportunities, raising funds for pro-life efforts and new mothers. For more information or if you are interested in joining the Respect Life Group, please contact Anne Marie Egan at elamjoe@aol.com 516-873-8320

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

Addison Walls, an 8th grader at St Aidan School who is working towards her Girl Scout Silver Award will be collecting baby products outside of church after all masses on May 21 and May 22 for the Mary Brennan Inn. The products most needed are diapers (sizes 4 and up), formula, baby food, and baby wipes.
Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you,

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

'That Christians inspired by the Word of God May Serve the Poor & Suffering!' – Pope Francis.

- PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 9:45 am in the Dorothy Day room located in the Finamore Parish Center (please use the side entrance which can be found on Dover Street to access the room) to knit or crochet prayer shawls or lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. New members are always welcome. You need not know how to knit or crochet. We have talented parishioners who can teach you. The next meetings will take place on Monday, May 9th and May 23rd. If you have any questions, please call Parish Social Ministry at - 746-6585 X 410.

- Food items needed: LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DIAPERS (SIZE 1-5), YOGURT, MILK, CHEESE, EGGS AND BUTTER. Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the Parish Social Ministry office or to our new food box which is located near the St. Vincent de Paul clothing box. Please do not leave anything in the food box which requires refrigeration or any frozen food items.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Social Ministry office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:00 pm.

CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CAMP

Good Shepherd Hospice invites you to Bob Sweeney's Camp H.O.P.E. This FREE, professionally run one day camp is for children ages 5 to 17 who have experienced the death of an immediate family member. The camp will be held on Saturday July 16th, 2022 at beautiful Camp Alvernia, Centerport, NY. Call for an application – (631) 828-7628

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting on Tuesday May 17th at 7:00PM St. Francis Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building). Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues $30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Angel at 631-574-0368 or Janet 516-579-4016

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The 9AM Corporate Mass on May 1st is offered in memory of deceased Rosarians Lillian Giordano, Helen Kolsch, and Rita Kuriger. Please meet outside at 8:45 for

An Invitation to Join Rosary-Altar Society

Beatrice Bullock, President

Through the years, from 1942 to the present, women of our Parish have joined a special Society. The names of hundreds of women who joined the Rosary-Altar Society of the Church of St. Aidan are found in a very large book. Some of those recorded continue to be active members while others fade away. Life gets in the way. Perhaps it is time for those who don't attend the meetings, and **those who never joined** to join. ***Once a Rosarian - Always a Rosarian.*** No back dues, just $10. for the present 2022 year. In case you are thinking, "membership must be down, that's why they want gals to come back". Not so. Our meetings are very well attended, 130-140 members at a meeting (before Pandemic). This year has been a little different; due to the virus we have been streaming the meeting and gathering in the church, lately we have been gathering in Msgr. Kirwin Hall. So come and see what you have been missing. What is the purpose of this article? We miss you! The Society is a vibrant part of Parish Life, The Church of St. Aidan. There is so much to be gained by being a part of this dedicated group. Perhaps it is time to come together to say the Rosary, we have so much to pray for. Check the bulletin weekly. The Society has many different venues to offer, it allows one to . . .

- be dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and Her Son
- be dedicated to the Rosary.
- be a part of the Worldwide Rosary Confraternity, reaping its Benefits, Indulgences & Promises
- be involved in Parish Events, especially celebrations
- participate in retreats as a Society
- be responsible in the care of the Altar linens
- be enriched by attending monthly programs
- be part of the Honor Guard at a Rosarian's funeral
- be a part of something special
- serve and attend Parish events.
- have fun and make lifelong friends

ATTENTION

If interested in our Society, please join us at our May 2nd, 2022 meeting at 7:30 pm in Msgr. Kirwin Hall. New Members will be inducted. Hope to see you!

Meetings are monthly, the first Monday after the first Sunday at 7:30 pm
Corporate Mass, first Sunday of the month at 9:00 am

"Lifelong friends" and the power of prayer that is what this article is about. We want to share something good with you. **For those that have joined and stopped coming, we miss you and we welcome you back! For those who never joined, we would like to meet you.**

You can only be enriched by attending meetings. Our Rosary Altar Society is stronger and nriched by your presence. Today more than ever we need to pray the Rosary. **Someone has said that if Christians really understood the full extent of the power of prayer we have available, we might be. . . speechless.**

the crowning of the Blessed Mother before Mass. Following the Mass the Rosarians will gather for their annual Communion Breakfast at the American Legion on Willis Avenue. At the May 2nd general meeting there will be the induction of new members and the rededication of current members. The meeting will also include the Rosarians' Baby Shower with all donations given to the Regina Maternity Services Case Management Program. Suggested donations may be handmades, clothing, baby care items, diapers, onesies, gift cards, and cash donations. Please make checks payable to Regina Maternity Services. You may drop off items or mail a check to Rae Caramanica. Call 516 248-0914. Please come and welcome our new members to the Rosary Altar Society.

THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY PRAYER GROUP

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the church on the last Thursday of the month on May 26, June 30. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and consecration to Jesus and Mary. For more information, please contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755.

CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH BLD GROUP

Every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass on the first Friday of the month. May 6, June 3, July 1.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine on Sunday May 22, June 26.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15 .

MONDAY NOVENA

Please join us every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass for a Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Rosary will follow.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

The rosary will be said in the St. Francis Garden after the 5:30PM Mass on the third Wednesday of each month for the year 2021. Date for your diary: Wednesday May 18.

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings in the Convent Chapel every Wednesday of every month. Next meeting on may 4, 11, 18, 25. Call Lisa at 516.857.7664 for more details on getting connected. All are welcome. Home Visitation Program of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Legion of Mary will bring the Pilgrim Statue to your home if you call Bridget at 516.581.3056. Wouldn't you like to have her statue in your home?

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP,

Meets every Wednesday at 7 PM in the Convent. All are welcome! We pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet to Jesus through Mary. Questions? Contact: Gloria 741-5399.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Schedule of events & Meetings 2021/2022

- JCDA Plant & Bake Sale May 1, 9am - 1 pm. Elections will take place during sale.
- No meeting after May 15, Meeting is canceled
- June 14, 7:00 pm Installation Mass, Church 8:00 pm reception Kirwin Hall

ST. AIDAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977-45TH REUNION

St. Aidan School Class of 1977-45th Reunion on Saturday, July23rd 2022 at 5pm Mass in St Aidan Church. 7:30-11:30 Knights of Columbus, 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, N. Y. 11501. More info to follow!

ATTENTION ALL FORMER SUMMER STAGE OR CHAPEL PLAYER PARTICIPANTS!

We are planning a reunion at the Irish American Hall, on Saturday, August 6th. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to SummerStagereunion@gmail .com for more information. Anyone who ever participated in Summer Stage or Chapel Players are welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE

American Legion Post #144, Tuesday, May 10, 2022 2:00pm-8:00pm 730 Willis Ave, Williston Park. Walk-

ins allowed if scheduling & social distancing guidelines permit. To make an appointment please call James Randle at (516) 270-3876 Please have your donor ID # available if you have one. Come and help replenish the blood banks. Blood is always needed.

COVID SELF TEST KITS AVAILABLE AT THE WILLISTON PARK LIBRARY

The library will be distributing self-test kits to the community, while supplies last. Each member of the household is entitled to one kit. The library's hours are Monday-Friday: 10am-5:30pm and Saturday: 10am-4pm.

ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Williston Park is having a Fundraiser by collecting soft goods (clothes, linens, small rugs, purses, totes, shoes) and donating them to SAVERS in West Hempstead. The same day, we will collect items for Ukraine Relief efforts. They are seeking first aid, toiletries, etc. (no diapers, please). Date: May 7, 2022. Time: 9 am to 12 noon. Place: The Thomas Muldoon Gazebo on Hillside Avenue, Williston Park. Thank you for supporting our organization so we can continue helping our community!

BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO, BETHLEHEM, PA

Hosted by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Hicksville, NY. When: Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Cost: $45 per person, which includes the driver's tip. Give back: $35 slot play. Time: Please arrive at 8:30 am. Return approx. 8:30 pm. Parking: # 999 So. Oyster Bay Road (dead end). Reservations: call Barbara at (516) 935-5576. Please make checks payable to "CDA". **The first to pay is the first on the bus, etc. **

WILLISTON PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS. Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PLACE: ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL. $30.00 PER PERSON (Any Age). (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE

TO EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL). (PAYABLE AT THE CIRCULATION DESK NO LATER THAN June8, 2022). Upon completion of this course, you receive: 10% Auto Insurance Discount (each year for three years), Up To a 4-Point Reduction Off Your Driving Record. All Ages & All NYS Drivers are Welcome! Mandatory Registration required! Class is limited to 25 participants. Social distance seating and mask required. Call Williston Park Library at 516-742-1820 to Register.

THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC

Located in Amityville, New York the Sisters of St. Dominic are seeking a Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is responsible for the fiscal integrity of the financial resources of the congregation. The CFO implements and evaluates effective systems of sound financial management and business administration for the Amityville Dominican Sisters. She/he oversees and manages the day-to-day operations of the Finance Office. As a member of the Executive Team, the CFO along with the Executive Director of the Motherhouse and the Executive Director of Life Enrichment is responsible for the promotion of the Mission and the Well-Being of the members of the Congregation. For more information please contact: Candace Campbell at ccampbell@amityop.org. Resumes can be sent to: cfosearchcommittee@amityop.org

ST. AIDAN'S PRE- CANA PROGRAM

St. Aidan's Pre-Cana Class consists of a Four Week parish program that is held on a weeknight, (Wednesday) from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. The Pre-Cana Class Fee is $90.00 payable to: Church of St Aidan. To Register: Call St Aidan Parish Rectory Office (516) 746-6585

FOUR-WEEK EVENING SESSIONS:

- Fall 2022 Classes. Opening Mass: October 2, 2022 Sunday at 12Noon. Classes on Wednesdays: Oct 5, 12, 19, 26. Closing Mass & Dinner: October 29, 2022 Saturday @ 5pm
- Winter 2023 Classes. Opening Mass: January 29, 2023 Sunday at 12Noon. Wednesday Classes: Feb 01, 08, 15, 22. Closing Mass & Dinner: February 25, 2023 Saturday @ 5pm
- Fall 2023 Classes. Opening Mass: October 1, 2023 Sunday at 12Noon. Wednesday Classes: Oct 4, 11, 18, 25. Closing Mass & Dinner: October 28, 2023 Saturday @ 5pm.

WEEKEND SESSIONS:

- If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact the Diocese of Rockville Center at 678-5800 ext. 223 or go on-line to register at www.drvc-faith.org. On the left column click on "Marriage". Scroll down to find Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS on line registration.

Moderator: Deacon Rudy Martin: Cell (917) 952-6521 Email: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 13-15th, 2022, please visit our website www.helpourmarriage.org or email our Registration Office for more information 3028R@HelpOurMarriage.Org or call 1.800.470.2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from our Long Island Metro Retrouvaille community who can help. Location: Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

MARRIAGE PREPARATION ONLINE

Catholic Marriage Prep.com is the online solution for those looking for a solid sacramental preparation. We have been mentoring engaged couples online, one-on-one, for over 15 years, in English, Spanish and French. We can help you provide a deep sacramental and human marriage preparation to your couples. Easy Steps will help you get started with Catholic Marriage Prep.com. It is pretty simple. Step 1) Couples contact us and register online. We connect them with an

instructor couple to lead them on this journey. Step 2) Parish priests will receive a certificate from the instructors when the couples complete the program. Email or call us for more information on how to get your parish set up to connect your parishioners with Catholic Marriage Prep.com.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Visit longisland. engagedencounter.com for information and registration.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a $100 application fee is required.

For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at https:// wwmenyli.org/. "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy be learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH

The Catholic Church has a long history of helping couples to prepare for marriage. It has learned a great deal that can benefit any couple, regardless of religion. Because the Catholic Church wants couples to form strong, lasting marriages, couples who wish to marry in the Catholic Church are asked to:

- Contact and meet with your parish priest as soon as you are engaged.
- Take at least six months to intensively prepare for your marriage. This goes beyond choosing a date and church, reserving a place for the reception, and picking out dresses. It means using this time to delve more deeply into your relationship and approach this momentous day with prayer and reflection.
- Attend an approved marriage preparation program. There are many different formats for marriage preparation programs ranging from intensive weekends, to a weekly series, to "in home" mentor couple programs. Catholic marriage preparation programs are usually presented by a team of lay married couples and a priest or deacon. They are not restricted to Catholics, but they are always in keeping with Church teaching.
- Most dioceses ask couples to take a marriage preparation inventory (such as FOCCUS). These are not "tests" to determine whether you can get married in the Church, but rather discussion starters to assess what issues you already agree on and what you might need to discuss further.

At the time of your engagement, the Church welcomes you to this sacrament of Marriage in the spirit of Jesus who said: 'This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' (John 15:12-13)'

PLANNED GIFTS FOR YOUR PARISH

Consider your Christian responsibility to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future. Call Barbara Kilarjian at the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 to find out how you can pass on your love to your family.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group Program is open to young adults in the eighth through twelfth grades. The Youth Group Program offers meetings on Sunday's from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Email SaintAidanYouthGroup @gmail.com or call Steve Loewenthal (516) 410-6461. Meetings are held in the Saint Aidan Youth Group Room which is located under the Finamore Parish Center. The entrance is located in the rear parking lot of the Saint Aidan Upper School. Please follow the Youth Group on Instagram @Saint_Aidan_Youth_Group. New Members are Welcome! Feel free to invite a friend! For more information, please contact Steve Loewenthal at SaintAidanYouthGroup @gmail.com or (516) 410 – 6461.

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Friday & Saturday, May 6 and 7, 2022

Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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FREE ADMISSION - RAIN OR SHINE - CASH OR CHECK ONLY

BIOFERM for sale - "Black Gold" for your garden.
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Please remember to follow all current NYS and CDC Covid-19 safety recommendations when visiting the Garden.
We thank you for your cooperation

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PLEASE SUPPORT **Collection next Sunday during Mass!**
Saturday, April 30th | Sunday, May 1st

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL

The Town of North Hempstead is celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day with local schools. Saint Aidan School students participated in a special environmental initiative to learn about the importance of the day. Artwork will be displayed at the *2022 SPRING FEST* at Clark Botanic Gardens on Saturday, April 30th from 12 PM - 5 PM.

TOGETHER IN LEARNING, TOGETHER IN CHRIST

On-going Communication: FAITH FORMATION HAS ITS OWN PAGE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE: www.staidanparish.org/ff. Please visit this webpage throughout the year for updates and information.

Office Hours: The Faith Formation Office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2PM to 7PM. Thursdays and Fridays are by appointment only. Please call ahead whenever possible.

Transferring Families: Parents should call the Faith Formation Office at (516) 746-6585 x405 as soon as possible to provide the office with contact information. Baptismal certificates are required for all transferring students. Transfer students grade 2 and up must also submit a Letter of Transfer from the previous Religious Education program attended. Children are expected to participate in and successfully complete each grade level in the parish Religious Education program from grade 1 through grade 8. The sacrament of Confirmation is ordinarily administered to our young people in the fall of grade 9.

2022-2023 Religious Education School Year: Planning for the next Religious Education School Year has already started. We will need many catechists to help provide instruction to the children of the parish who attend public schools. If you can help or know someone who may be able to join us in the fall, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x405. No previous teaching experience is necessary. Training, mentoring, and user-friendly guide materials are provided. This is also a great opportunity for high school students who are considering careers that involve working with children.

SPREAD THE WORD: Religious Education classes begin in grade 1. If you know any Catholic families in the area who have children entering grade 1 in September 2022, please ask them to contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible so they can receive registration information when it becomes available. Thank you for your help!

Multisensory Religious Education: If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help us continue to reach out to children who need our assistance, please contact the Director at (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

Service Opportunity: If you are in grade 8 or high school in September 2022, enjoy working with children, and perhaps considering a career that involves working with children, this is a great service opportunity for you! The Multisensory program is looking for a few dedicated teens to make a commitment to assist in the program. No experience is necessary. If you want to learn more, please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org for more information. There are children waiting for your help. Documentation of service hours for high school requirements, and Letters of Recommendation for college admission and college scholarships are also provided.

Grades 7 and 8 Confirmation Candidates: This is a reminder that the first part of the Confirmation packets which includes some projects, Mass Reflections, and for grade 8 only Confirmation Registration paperwork was due on January 14th. The second part of the packets was due on April 15th. Students can submit their work by placing it in the Drop Box outside the building. Be sure the student's name is on all the pages and back-up copies of all work have been made.

Confirmation Retreat: The last Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th from 9AM to 12PM. All Confirmation candidates are expected to attend a retreat unless they attended the Teen Prayer Day that took place in March. To register for the retreat, please email carmstrong@staidanparish.org or call 516-746-6585 x405.

First Communion: First Communion Rehearsals for the May 14th sessions will take place on Monday, May 9th at 6:45PM for the 11:30 Mass and 8PM for the 2PM Mass. Please attend the correct rehearsal for your children's sessions.

Helpful Websites: The following websites may be helpful for parents to help connect Sunday Mass with Family Life: Google usccb.org (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) which provides the Scripture readings for Mass. Catholicmom.com provides videos, fun worksheets, and articles about how to celebrate the Faith at home in the "domestic church." Loyola press.com and religion.sadlierconnect.com contain family activities and informative articles.

Contact Us: The Faith Formation Webpage includes direct contact information for each member of the Faith Formation Office Team. Please contact us with your questions and concerns. We welcome your phone calls and emails. If you have paperwork to submit, there is a Drop Box outside of the building for your convenience. If you want to stop by the office, please call ahead of time if possible.

Each week the Family Mass continues to provide some materials to help children participate at Sunday Mass and to enhance follow-up during the week. The Magnifikids magazines are available on a weekly basis along with the Children's Worship Bulletins for ages 3 to 7 and ages 7 to 12. They are located in the Children's Corner racks in the main lobby of the Church. Please do not leave them in the pews.

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. The liturgical color is white. Each week we have been focusing on a Word, Phrase, or Short Sentence of the Week to help link the Sunday Gospel to Family Life. This week's Short Sentence of the Week is: TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS. Write this week's Short Sentence of the Week and place it on your refrigerator as a reminder during the week.

Today's Gospel, (John 21: 1-19) or the shorter form, (John21: 1-14) is a description of another post Resurrection account of the Risen Jesus. Peter, a fisherman by trade, decides to go fishing. He was joined by the other close disciples of Jesus. They were out on their boat all night and didn't catch

anything. This was probably an uncommon occurrence for them. Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but they didn't recognize Him. He called out to them that they should lower their nets. When the disciples did, the nets were quickly filled with 153 large fish. Ordinarily, such a large catch would cause the nets to tear but the net stayed strong. When they went to the shore, Jesus was preparing breakfast for them. They did recognize him as He passed the bread and fish around. Doesn't this sound somewhat similar to when Jesus shard the bread and wine with His disciples at the Last Supper? Sharing a meal is a central theme in the readings during the Easter season and this is not by accident!

Jesus challenges us to consider how do we recognize Him, how do we come to know Him better, and how do we spread His message to all we meet? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The disciples' faith in the Risen Christ is the foundation for their mission and has been passed down through the ages. It is what makes our Church apostolic." (CCC, 857) We are called to profess this same faith in all situations and amongst all people. (CCC, 2471) We recognize Jesus in the kindness, compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness shown to us by others. This calls us to return and spread the kindness, compassion, love, mercy, and forgiveness to others. Basically, Jesus is our model of the best example for living the Christian life and those who have shown Jesus to us are our immediate models so that we can model the attributes of Christianity to others. This is the circle of Christian life! When times are good, it is easy to be models of Christianity but when hurts, ridicule, and adversity cross our paths, sometimes, we can find ourselves struggling to hold on to what we believe and profess as Catholics.

Children are not exempt from challenges and struggles to recognize Jesus in all situations and to remain faithful to Him. Early on, they can experience the tumbles of family life, particularly the very normal sibling rivalry. How they learn to resolve the squabbles and "turf wars" of early childhood have a great influence on how they can grow in a solid relationship with Jesus that will sustain them in the years ahead when life will not be so simple. When the adults in their lives, particularly parents, include Jesus in conflict resolution and introduce children to the idea of bringing their conflicts to Jesus proximate to when they occur, such children will naturally learn the importance of connecting what we say we believe to what we practice.

As children grow into their middle school and high school years, they will hopefully have an understanding of what they believe as followers of Jesus. Their words and actions will TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS. Christians are called to be messengers or witnesses for Jesus. This is the legacy, the blessing, the responsibility of those who are baptized into Christ.

This week encourage older children to become actively involved in service activities in the church and community. Ideally, include some service that you can do as a family! These are memories that will serve today's children, tomorrow and beyond. Look for opportunities to have some people active in the church and/or community share what service they do and why they do it with your children and perhaps some of their friends. The early followers of Jesus were often persecuted by the rulers of their day. Therefore, Christians had to meet in secret. One sign used to identify Jesus' followers was an outline of a fish. The Greek word for fish is ICHTHYS and was used as an acronym. Most children in the primary and intermediate grades have worked on simple acronyms so this should be easy for them. ICHTHYS stood for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." The use of the fish also reminded the early Christians that they must be fishers of people by spreading the message of Jesus. Make an acronym using the word, Christian. For each letter in the word Christian, they must write a new word that describes Christians. It's a fun puzzle activity that can yield great results. Younger children can also make fish drawings with the letters ICHTHYS. The children can color and decorate their fish and display them for the week. As previously stated, sharing a meal is very important in the scenes that took place in the Easter gospel. This is what we do when we share in the sacred meal of the Eucharist. Food is necessary to sustain our physical lives. The Eucharist is necessary to sustain our spiritual lives as Catholic followers of Jesus. Have a little family food drive. Food pantries are always in need of donations and often, as the weather gets better and people become more consumed with activities, it can easily slip our minds to remember those who need food. Include items for those in need in your weekly shopping with the children. Have them earn a little money to pay for some of these items by doing an extra little chore at home etc. It doesn't need to be fancy or a big thing. Involving children actively in practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy such as feeding the hungry can start super small and mean a great deal to your children and those who receive your generosity.

TEEL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS is not as simple as it sounds. How we tell others starts with recognizing Jesus in those around us. The words witnessing about Jesus are certainly wonderful and important, but the primary way others will know or become curious about what we believe and profess as Catholics is when our actions match our words. Growing in love, compassion, kindness, mercy, and forgiveness are not just positive values taught in value clarification classes in schools and seminars in workplaces. Instead, they truly find their roots exactly where they are, in the message of Jesus, our great teacher, -the perfect role model. May all of us in whatever stage of life we find ourselves, embrace our call as the Easter people we are called to be. Keep celebrating the Easter season. There is so much more!

St. Aidan's Family Mass

The Church celebrates Easter for 50 days! Join us throughout the Easter season every Sunday at the 10:30 Family Mass.

Invite a friend!

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please email us at: Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org.

CONNECTING CHURCH & HOME

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA MATTHEW BRIDGES (1851)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
Drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity!

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their
burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Psalm Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen, creator of all;
he has shown pity on all people

Go Make of All Disciples

ELLACOMBE LEON ADKINS MCKINLEY (1955)

Go and make of all disciples
Go Make Of All Disciples
We Hear the Call Oh Lord
That Comes From Thee Our Father
In Thy Eternal Word.

Inspire Our Ways Of Learning
Through Earnest Fervent Prayer
And Let Our Daily Living
Reveal Thee Everywhere.

Go Make Of All Disciples
We Welcome Thy Command
Lo I Am With You Always
We Take Thy Guiding Hand.

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Mozart:

"Laudate Dominum"

Eat This Bread

EAT THIS BREAD JACQUES BERTHIER (1923-1994)

Eat this bread drink this Cup.
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup.
Trust in Me and you will not thirst.

1. I am the Bread of Life,
the true Bread sent from the Father. **R**

2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert but this is the bread come down from heaven. **R:**

3. Eat My flesh and drink My blood
and I will raise you up on the last day. **R**:

Lord You Have Come to the Seashore

PESCADOR DES HOMBRES CESÁREO GABARÁIN

Lord you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for
the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name!
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

Lord, see my goods, my possessions,
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept hen my nets and labor.

Regína Coeli

DIVINE OFFICE LATIN CHANT, 9TH CENTURY

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia:
Quia quem meruisti portare,
Alleluia: Resurrexit, sicut dixit,
Alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Festival Canticle

WORTHY IS CHRIST RICHARD HILLERT

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **R:**

Power, riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. **R:**

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. **R:**

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading I Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 30

R (2a) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.
R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.
R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.
R I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Reading II Rev 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen, " and the elders fell down and worshiped. Alleluia R. Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

The rest of Chapter II of the GIRM is Part III, and it covers The Individual Parts of the Mass, beginning, obviously, with The Introductory Rites, which are all the things that we hear before the Liturgy of the Word. They include the Entrance, the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Kyrie (Lord have mercy), the Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) and Collect, which serve to welcome us and prepare us for everything which is to follow. As part of paragraph 46 says, "Their purpose is to ensure that the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily." It also notes that for certain celebrations, they may be modified, but this is covered much later in the GIRM.

The Entrance may be formal, with the celebrant, deacon if present, and ministers, accompanied by any of several kinds of music, such as a chant, psalm, or song, which may be sung by the choir or cantor alone, or with the congregation. In the absence of music, there is a brief entrance antiphon which is often read by the celebrant or a lay reader with or without the congregation. This may be replaced by an introductory explanation of something pertaining to the readings or the particular feast by the priest as discussed a few weeks ago. While the GIRM does specify some sort of introduction, it is often omitted, particularly at daily Mass. As paragraph 47

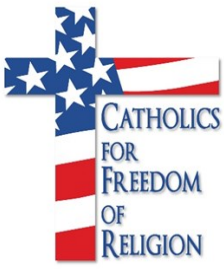
explains, the "purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity" which covers all the options. Regardless of the form of procession, whether from the main entrance or just from the sacristy, it is immediately followed by reverence to the altar and greeting of the people. "49. When they have arrived at the sanctuary, the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers reverence the altar with a profound bow. Moreover, as an expression of veneration, the Priest and Deacon then kiss the altar itself…." Remember that the altar is not only the place where the sacrifice is offered, whether by the patriarchs such as Abraham, or in the temple, or now for us as the continuation of the ongoing eternal sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, but our altar also represents Christ Himself. Following this, the Priest stands at the chair and, together with the whole gathering, signs himself with the Sign of the Cross. The Greeting and our response signify the presence of the Lord in the assembled community.

Next is the Penitential Act which can take several forms, but all involve a generic form of confession followed by a prayer requesting forgiveness for our sins. This does not absolve us of our sins, but does better fit us for the rest of the Mass which will follow as we are reminded of the need to reconcile ourselves to God to better receive His graces which flow from the Mass. Then, "52. After the Penitential Act, the Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy), is always begun, unless it has already been part of the Penitential Act. Since it is a chant by which the faithful acclaim the Lord and implore his mercy, it is usually executed by everyone…." When we recite this litany, we use English, as we now do for pretty much the whole Mass, but if we chant or sing it with the cantor, we often use Greek. Greek is the language in which most of the New Testament was written, and this is pretty much the only time we hear it now. There are other parts of the Mass which may, optionally, use Latin as a remembrance of the tridentine rite, for example, praying the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) or reciting "Domine non sum dignus" (Lord I am not worthy), but only the Kyrie would have sounded familiar to people like St. Paul or St, Luke.

Next comes the Gloria in Excelsis, yes, another example of Latin, but we usually hear, and sing, it in English. The GIRM explains it well. "53. The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. The text of this hymn may not be replaced by any other. It is intoned by the Priest or, if appropriate, by a cantor or by the choir; but it is sung either by everyone together, or by the people alternately with the choir, or by the choir alone. If not sung, it is to be recited either by everybody together or by two choirs responding one to the other." Except for Advent and Lent, it is pretty much always there.

The Gloria is followed by the Collect. The celebrant stands and begins a short prayer with "Let us pray" "54… and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God's presence and may call to mind their intentions. Then the Priest pronounces the prayer usually called the "Collect" and through which the character of the celebration finds expression. By an ancient tradition of the Church, the Collect prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and is (usually)concluded with a Trinitarian ending… in the following manner: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever…." And we join in by saying "Amen". In case you were wondering why we call this prayer the Collect, it goes back to a much earlier period in our history. The original meaning seems to have been this: it was used for the service held at a certain church on the days when there was a gathering place somewhere else. The people gathered together and became a "collection" there and then went to the church where the Mass would be celebrated.

And at this point, we have finished the Introductory Rites and begin the Liturgy of the Word, which will be the subject next week.



Focus on Religious Freedom

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear them from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

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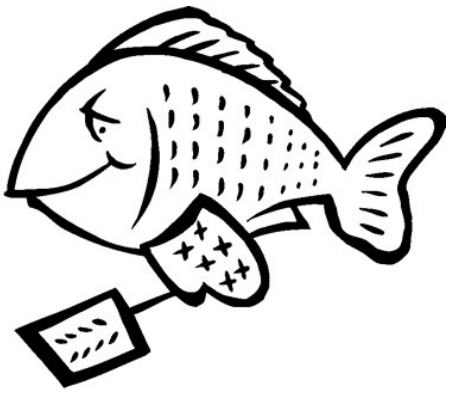

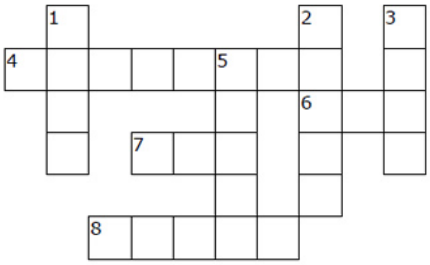

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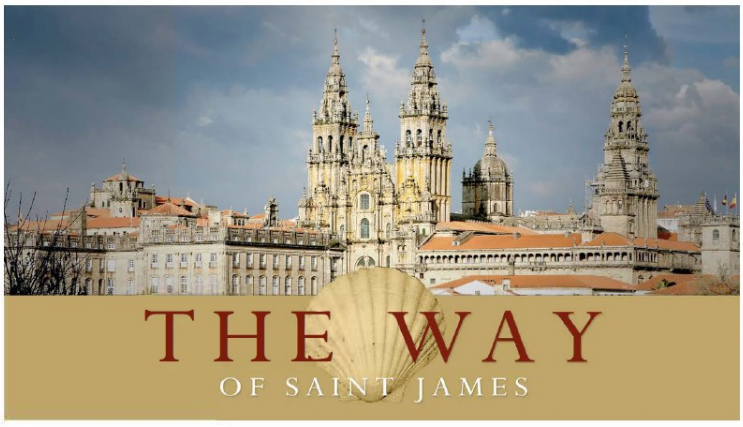

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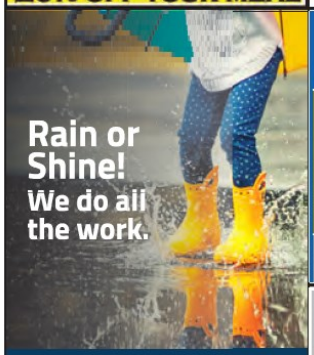
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